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In the shadows by Derek Smith

Voted Best in Show at the Camera Club Exhibition

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Those of you who've been inspired by our exhibition to join our club will have to be patient, as we are closed for the summer. Please keep your eyes on our website for the date of our Welcome Night, next Autumn.

The favourite image of our exhibition, chosen by you, was Derek Smith's 'In the shadows', well done, Derek.

Thank you to all our members who donated prints and cards for sale. We made £131.50, which has been donated to Over Day Centre.

Mo Hadfield

Swavesey Camera Club
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EDITORIAL

Summer has arrived and brings not only the promise of better weather but also many events so keep your copy of Meridian handy!

We have the 100th anniversary of the opening of the Memorial Hall, a summer visit from The Pantaloons theatre group. lots of outdoor events from walks to cycle rides to football .....the list continues.

Potholes! are an ever-present problem, repairs do not last very long, too much traffic some of it really should not be driving through the village at all! our roads were designed in a time when the biggest vehicle to drive along them was a horse and cart!

Traffic calming may help but only if everyone observes the speed limits.

Enjoy summer.

Deadline for the August/September Meridian is 20th June or earlier.

Editor

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Major Events List

This list is intended to avoid major events clashing on the same day. It will only work if we are advised of all such events, so please let us know as soon as you can confirm the details.

A form is available at the back of this magazine. We will list them in this section of the Magazine and also on our website at www.swaveseymeridian.org.uk

Sunday 16 June	Spartans Football Club	Spartans Day - Swavesey Green 11am onwards - Neil Jordison - 01954 204390
Saturday 22 June	Swavesey Institute FC	Football tournament - Swavesey Green 12 noon - Martin Pickering - 07737 391445
Sunday 30 June	Over Day Centre	Bike Rides - See page 19 for details
Saturday 6 July	St Andrews Church	Teddy Bear Zipwire - 2pm - 4pm at St Andrews Church
Saturday 6 July	Thistle Green Residents Association	Fundraising Event - 11am - 4pm - Thistle Green
Friday 19 July	Pantaloons	Robin Hood - 7pm - Market Street Green - book online at thepantaloons.co uk

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

June		
Friday 7	Refuse Collection	Green & Blue Bins
Thursday 13	Parish Council	Planning Meeting
Friday 14	Refuse Collection	Black Bin Collection
Sunday 16	Spartans Football Club	Spartans Day - Swavesey Green 11am onwards - Neil Jordison - 01954 204390
Friday 21	Refuse Collection	Green & Blue Bins
Saturday 22	Swavesey Institute FC	Football tournament - Swavesey Green 12 noon - Martin Pickering - 07737 391445
Monday 24	Parish Council	Full Council Meeting
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July		
Friday 5	Refuse Collection	Green & Blue Bins
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Thursday 11	Parish Council	Planning Meeting
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Friday 19	Refuse Collection	Green & Blue Bins
Monday 22	Parish Council	Full Council Meeting
Friday 26	Refuse Collection	Black Bin Collection

CLUB REPORTS

Swavesey WI News

Meetings coming up……

June 2024…. WI members to open their gardens for fellow members to visit.

July 8th……The work of Cambs Search and Rescue. Talk by Barry Carter.

August 12th…Games Night.

September 9th…History of Costume -The Roaring Twenties. Talk by Frances Saltmarsh.

For further information of any of our meetings or you would like to join us, please contact…….Margaret Guest 01954 202757/ Deirdre Burgess 01954 230897.

We meet on the second Monday of the month in the Memorial Hall at 7.30pm.

On the 4th Thursday of the month Swavesey WI host Compass Cafe in the Bethel Church. You can find us there serving good coffee and a wide selection of homemade cakes!

At our recent AGM in March Margaret Guest agreed to be our President for a further year. Margaret gave her yearly report and thanked the committee and members for all their support through the year. The evening continued with our member Carole Pook giving a very lively and informative talk on Millicent Fawcett (1847-1929) a political activist, writer and public speaker on women's rights. Millicent was leader of the National Union of Women's Suffrage Societies (NUWSS) which was an influential force in the campaign for women's votes. This talk gave us much to think about and made us realise how fortunate we all are as women to have the VOTE!

In April, our member Kath Shore gave an excellent talk on her experiences as a doctor on hospital ships in Africa. Millions of people worldwide lack access to safe and affordable healthcare, many of whom live in developing countries where healthcare is extremely limited or nonexistent and where there is a shortage of medical professionals. So listening to Kath's stories of her work abroad made members really grateful for our NHS. Very little medical help/treatments are available to the people she was attending and her talk proved quite an eye-opener for members and it made everyone realise how life can be so difficult for so many people in other parts of the world.

Swavesey & District History Society

March meeting. More than 40 members heard Don Chiswell report on “The Great Stink”, during which he used several contemporary cartoons, notably from “Punch”. In the two centuries preceding 1800 Britain experienced tremendous change and emerged as the “First Industrial Nation”. The nineteenth century saw massive, continued growth in population, which rose from 10 million in 1800 to 16.9 million in 1851. This led to rapid expansion of towns with consequent overcrowding.

Between 1831 and 1866, four cholera outbreaks struck England with deaths in hundreds of thousands. Greater London had a population of 2.5 million in 1850 but the death rate exceeded the birth rate. Sanitary conditions in crowded, poor areas of cities were squalid. Human waste piled up in courtyards and overflowed from basement cesspits into the gutters and waterways. The Devil’s acre in Westminster had 200,000 cesspits.

Following the second outbreak, the 1848 Public Health Act established a Central Board of Health but this had limited powers. Thus, London simply opted out because it meant unpopular, heavy taxes had to be levied. At the third serious outbreak in 1854, London physician John Snow investigated an area in Soho, and identified a baby at the upper end of the street as the first case and pinpointed how the family's cesspool had leaked into Broad Street drinking water well. This discovery helped to confirm that cholera is waterborne, not airborne. Around the same time Joseph Bazalgette, the Chief Engineer of the Metropolitan Board of Works, started to seriously address the problem.

In the summer of 1858, the "Great Stink" overwhelmed London. The hot weather exposed the rotting human effluent and industrial waste polluting the water of the Thames. Such was the overpowering smell from the river that a bill was rushed through Parliament, and became law in just 18 days, to provide the money to construct a massive new sewer scheme for London. Bazalgette was appointed specifically to take charge of the new sewers. He designed an extensive underground system of sewers to funnel the waste far out of the main city, dumping it eight miles downstream at high tide. This involved building 1,100 miles of drains under London's streets, to feed into 82 miles of new brick-lined sewers. The whole project was completed in 1875.

April meeting. At short notice, the booked speaker unavoidably postponed his talk to the audience of 46, so two committee members gallantly provided excellent replacement talks.

Roger Hetherington from Over spoke on “Understanding My German-Jewish Family Background”. Until 5 years ago he knew little except that his mother was born in Germany in 1920, one of 4 sisters. He discovered that his maternal grandfather was born in Germany in 1881 to a family of German Jews and that he too had brothers and sisters. A cousin provided some information along with a German website “Stolpersteine” which, for 20 years, has acknowledged individual holocaust individuals. He then searched the only surname he knew “Danenberg” and came up with family movements in Germany and in England. He dwelt on 3 of his relatives,

Bernhard, Frieda and Paula who moved to Wurzburg in 1936. On November 9/10, 1938, they lost both their business and home in the “Kristallnacht” incident in which Jewish homes, businesses and synagogues across Germany were vandalised and torched. Stolpersteine records Bernhard and Paula being deported to a concentration camp in April 1942 and they were recorded as dead by 3 June 1942. Frieda was deported a few months later, dying in the ghetto/prison camp of Theresienstadt on 2 March 1944. Roger will continue his research.

Swavesey resident, Carole Pook’s talk was on votes for Women. In 1866 John Stuart Mill became the first in Parliament to call for women to be given the right to vote. The issue was debated there frequently from 1871 to 1898. Millicent Fawcett, born in Aldeburgh, was a tactical and determined leader of the National Union of Women's Suffrage Societies (NUWSS) from 1897 and made it a substantial and influential force in the campaign for women's votes. These were the Suffragists with around 50,000 members. She was a founder of Newnham College, Cambridge. The Women's Social and Political Union (WSPU) was a leading militant organisation founded in 1903, known as the suffragettes. Its membership and policies were tightly controlled by Emmeline Pankhurst and her 2 daughters. Membership was less than 5,000. Millicent was firmly against the militant actions of the Pankhurst group which used violent methods including posting almost 100 letter bombs to individuals and organisations. On “Suffrage Saturday” in 1908, 10,000 women led by Millicent marched through central London, demonstrating the volume of women that supported their cause. Women over the age of 21 finally received the vote on the same terms as men in 1928.

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Selwyn's Easy "Pop Groups Over the Decades" Quiz. Part 4

Solve the mainly cryptic clues below , e.g., Liverpudlian insects 3, 7 The Beatles - we said it was easy! Note, where a group is called "The Something", sometimes "The" is dropped.

Tuneful adolescent	7, 5
Moggy toys	8, 5
Easy brains	6, 5
Coloured relative of a ferret	4, 4
Not many boxers	3, 8
City in Illinois	7
Footings for new builds	11
Possibly Gemmill & Andrews	3,7
Little dials	5, 5
Wireless nut	9

You will find the answers to this puzzle on page 16

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Swavesey Spartans FC

Spartans 2023/24 on the pitch: - Spartans had completed nearly all of their fixtures by the 20 April editorial deadline, many clubs are not as fortunate. The home pitches withstood the wet weather very well. Swavesey Green is now one of the best grass pitches for local football in Cambridgeshire, a statement that you would not hear too often at the turn of the Millenium.

The Spartans breakdown of teams by competition was laid out in the last Meridian. The focus up to and including under 11s is learning, developing and enjoying the game. Although each team submits its statistics into a Football Association database the data is never published. The information is used by league officials to ensure teams of similar strength play in the same division and therefore teams should not be winning or losing by a huge numbers of goals.

The **Under 7** mixed team started training after October half term and entered the 5v5 league after Christmas. The group of players gelled well, and should blossom next season.

The **Under 9** teams did well this season in 7v7 leagues. The girls team played in a league for the first time and the progression was great to witness. The mixed team continued to develop, but has the challenge of probably too many players for one squad, but not enough for two…

The **Under 10** team changed manager this season and took a little while to adjust to a more disciplined team shape, but by the end of the season this change was paying dividends.

The **Under 11** team were also under new management and playing 9v9 football as they reached the cup semi-final as well as playing strongly in the league.

The **Under 12** players have progressed to colts' football where results and tables are in the public domain. With 2 games left the team are joint top of their division.

The **Under 13 colts** have been guided for 7 years by Dan Silk supported by Joe Warrington. The team looks to have secured a 3rd place finish to mark Dan's departure to the golf course and Joe's elevation to the hot seat. We thank Dan for his contribution to Spartans and wish him well for the future.

The **Under 13 girls** are flirting with relegation from the top division with 3 games to play.

The **Under 14** football proved challenging and our colts as they hover just above the relegation zone.

The **Under 15 and Under 18** girls will both end up with creditable mid-table finishes.

The **Under 15 and Under 18 colts'** teams are both likely to finish in the top 4 places in their divisions. The Under 18s have also reached the League Cup Final.

Spartans Day: - The club will be holding the annual Spartans Day on Swavesey Green on Sunday 16 June (Father's Day). This is a village event with a football theme surrounded by gazebos, picnics and smiling faces. We welcome everyone to join us for the day.as this is a key village interaction opportunity for us all.

Sustainability News

Sustainability has taken a big step forward in Swavesey after the proposal for the declaration of a Climate and Biodiversity crisis by the Parish Council was met with general agreement at the Annual Parish Meeting on April 10th. There were many offers from residents to join the newly created advisory group to the Parish Council on all things climate related. There was general agreement that the aim of declaring an emergency must be to keep sustainability prevalent in all decisions made by the council.

Excitingly, the first task set the advisory group has been to help create a Nature Recovery Plan for Swavesey - a new requirement for all councils. This begins by creating a map of our biodiversity, and we need residents to help in order to make this possible. The next Sustainability Hub event on June 1 will be asking people to make a difference to your local wildlife by 'adopting' a small area of land, either public or private. You would then observe plant and animal life, and your findings would be uploaded to a regional biodiversity database which will help protect areas from developers as well as helping monitor species and habitats. You will be provided with the means to further enhance your area in the form of advice, tools, plants and seeds.

The wildflower areas including the newly planted verge on Market street are examples of such areas that have been enriched for wildlife, with pollinator friendly flowers and longer grass allowing space for invertebrates and small mammals. The verge has been sown with a 80/20 grass to flower ratio seed mix to ensure grass coverage during the winter months.

Hale Road Allotments

Open Day and Scarecrow Competition

10.00 – 15.30 Sunday 7th July 2024

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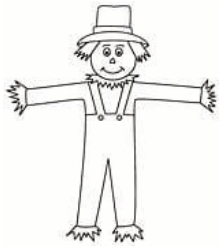

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Swavesey 100 Years ago (June & July 1924)

From the Cambridge Chronicle

A PROLIFIC FLOWER. 6h June 1924
A narcissus grown by Mr. W. Symonds, Boxworth End, has eight flowers on one stem.

A SLIGHT MISTAKE. 6th June 1924
While engaged in sheep-washing in the Ouse last week, a Swavesey farm worker immersed himself instead of the sheep.

WANDERERS. 6th June 1924
Two horses belonging to feast folk, which had been put out to graze in Cow Fen, Swavesey, on Sunday evening, were found on Monday morning near the stable in Newmarket Road, Cambridge.

ONE WAY OF DOING IT. 6th June 1924
Bicycles nowadays are put to many and various uses. Last week a young Swavesey man, having to take a shafted horse hoe from the village to a field some distance away, was seen riding his bicycle between the shafts, while he controlled his machine with one hand and pulled the hoe with the other.

A CENTURY AGO. 6th June 1924
It may surprise some of the present residents in Swavesey to know that in a great flood in the year 1823 water very nearly reached the Blue Bell Inn in Middle Watch, and that a man named Geeson was drowned when carrying, or being carried by, another man over the submerged stone rack in High-street, which some years later was replaced by the present Turn Bridge. The men were on their way home from chapel, and the current was so strong that both men were swept away, Geeson being drowned. The Black Bank, an important defence against flood water, it may be mentioned, was constructed about this time.

CYCLIST V. DOG. 20th June 1924
A cyclist riding an ordinary machine, and holding on to the shoulder of a motor-cyclist, when proceeding along Middle Watch at 7 a.m., one day last week, collided with a dog. The dog promptly bolted for home, but the cyclist was thrown over his handlebar and came a

cropper on the hard road. Fortunately, he escaped with no worse injury than a cut knee.

GIANT MUSHROOM. 27th June 1924
An Elsworth man this week gathered somewhere in the neighbourhood of Swavesey a giant mushroom, which measured 39 inches in circumference, 13 inches in diameter, and 2lbs. 3ozs. in weight. The mushroom was presented to a member of the staff of this journal, who reports that on Thursday morning a party of three, of whom he was one, had a third of it for breakfast, and found it excellent in every respect.

A LARGE FISH. 4th July 1924
Angling in Swavesey waters last week, Mr. H. G. Key landed a bream which scaled 5lbs. 7oz.

A STARTLING INCIDENT. 4th July 1924
When passing the National School in his motor car on Monday evening Mr. Arthur Norman, Hill Vue, Huntingdon Road, was the victim of a startling incident. A ball hit by a boy playing cricket on the Recreation Ground near the roadside, struck the windscreen of the car, breaking it and covering Mr. Norman and the dog which was with him with fragments of glass. Mr. Norman fortunately was not injured, although a good-sized triangular piece of glass struck his arm. The boy promptly ran up and asked for the return of the ball. He was told there was plenty of glass in the car, but no signs of the ball, which, however, was found subsequently on the bonnet of the car.

A SLIGHT MISUNDERSTANDING. 11th July 1924
Villagers have been smiling this week at a little mistake made by an aged and highly respected parishioner. Asked by his son to turn the swaths of hay in a field adjoining Rose and Crown Lane, owing to a misunderstanding he proceeded to a field in Cow Fen, at the other end of the village, and turned the swaths there. The son on his return home expressed surprise that his father had not done his job. The father protested that he had. Explanations followed, and to his chagrin the father discovered that the hay he had been turning belonged not to his son, but to another man, who, it may be remarked, was far from displeased at having his work done for him gratuitously.

Chris Richardson

An update from Fen Drayton Lakes

One hundred years ago, the land that would become Fen Drayton Lakes was a series of floodplain meadows in the river valley of the Great Ouse. This began to change when low-scale sand and gravel extraction started to take place during the war years in the 1940s for local military and agricultural use. Commercial extraction began in the 1950s and for the next 40-odd years the site became a large, active quarry exporting material for construction around the region.

Nowadays, Fen Drayton Lakes is an RSPB nature reserve made up of a variety of habitats comprising open water, reedbed and wetland mixed with grassland, scrub, and woodland. A huge variety of wildlife is drawn to the area with over 1900 different species recorded on site to date, including 230 species of bird, 26 species of butterfly and almost 500 species of flowering plant.

As we head into the summer months, wildlife is all around, making it a fantastic time to visit. You're never far from water and wildlife here; it surrounds you wherever you wander. Explore the woods and catch glimpses of secluded bays and pools. You won't be able to miss majestic Mute Swans on the lakes, but you'll need to look a little harder to see the many colourful insects. The riverside meadows are alive with nature – reeds rustling, birds warbling, grasshoppers chirping and bees buzzing.

Upcoming events at Fen Drayton Lakes

Wild(ish) Camping for Groups - A unique opportunity for groups to camp on site.

Wednesday Wander Guided Walk - Join our knowledgeable volunteers for a walk around the reserve.

Dusk Guided Walk - An evening guided walk to discover the birds, mammals and insects which are more active later in the day up until dusk.

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Willow Weaving Workshop - Using willow harvested from the reserve, try your hand at making a woven garden obelisk using traditional methods.

Guided Canoe Trail - Slink through the reeds on our new water-based trail to discover one of the harder to view lakes from a new perspective.

To see further details and book for all the events mentioned, please visit:

events.rspb.org.uk/fendraytonlakes

Email: fendraytonlakes@rspb.org.uk

Upcoming events at Ouse Fen

Booming Bittern Guided Walk - An evening guided walk around the newest reed beds where Bitterns are making their homes.

Reedbed Ramble – A guided walk around the newest part of the reserve to look at all the wildlife that is starting to colonise the site.

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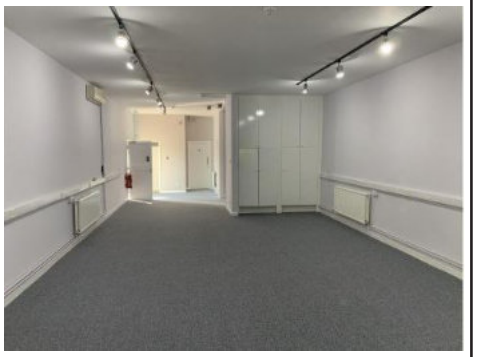

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Memories by Will Wright

So we were off rocking full time in the Autumn of '67 along with a lot of other young musicians and covering a lot of miles in our classic converted civil defence ambulance, which was beginning to pay dividends as we were able to able to move around the country without having to return home to Cambridge every night. I had by now kind of moved away from Swavesey though I did of course pop back to see my dear old Mum & Dad whenever we had a couple of spare days. I had a bolthole in Cambridge courtesy of a room in a shared house on Tennyson Avenue in which a couple of good friends were renting and they helped us out as roadies on our travels whenever possible.

The band had still not signed up to a single agency and had not received any worthwhile offers of official management - which itself would turn out to be a dodgy market to so many bands in that era by signing their lives & futures away if not being careful. We weren't making a fortune by any example but were making enough money to pay our way and upgrade our equipment and, most importantly, were beginning to travel to further areas of the UK and perform in many new counties across the country.

One of our agent contacts in Royston had managed to get us a gig at the California ballroom in Dunstable, a very large venue which had a capacity of just over a thousand punters. Sadly at some time, in the late 70's I believe, it was demolished and a large supermarket was located on the site but not before we had the pleasure or privilege of supporting a few good acts there, for instance Steve Winwood when he had just got his band Traffic gigging and the good old Status Quo, back in the days when they were performing as a 5 piece band - when they had a pianist if anybody remembers the day! We actually went on to perform on the same stage as them on another 6 occasions, a good live band.

A contact agency asked us if we would be up for a visit to South Wales, needless to say we asked for details and they sent us the dates of a potential 11 day period including 2 weekends, with gigs in miners, social and working mens clubs almost all located at the top of the valleys in the southern locality whereby we could mainly use Swansea as a base. The number of coal mines in the region was quite frankly staggering and needless to say most of them had residential communities nearby. So off we went to Cymru and generally speaking it went well, in fact we went back a few times later. Strangely enough we rapidly realised that Swansea had it's own version of Suffolk's Red Lodge cafe as there was a cafe which was open until about 5 o'clock in the mornings and was mainly used by bands & acts that had been entertaining the local populous in their community centres spread about the local area & the valleys. The cafe was named " The Morg ", not quite sure where that came from but it was a great venue for meeting up with other entertainers prior to the bulk of them hitting the nearby M40 to get back to England. The one hiccup we experienced was in Newport which was, or should I say should have been the final show on this mini tour. We were off-loading and setting up the equipment on the stage in the local social club venue when a gentleman, for want of a better description, came over to us and said "we don't want you bloody lot playing here", which shook us a bit especially when he returned with the club's chairman who also said NO. Anyway we pointed out we had a fixed contractual agreement with the agency, at which point he dug into his pocket and pulled out the payment fee as agreed in notes including the agents commission and handed it over to us so it seemed we had little choice but to put everything back in the van, our ambulance, and leave the venue. And no we did not stay in the club's bar for a drink!!

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A guide to the night sky over Swavesey during June and July.

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20th June is the summer solstice in the Northern Hemisphere, where it is the longest day of the year. The North Pole of the earth will be tilted toward the Sun, which will have reached its northernmost position in the sky and will be directly over the Tropic of Cancer at 23.44 degrees north latitude.

June's Full Moon is on 22nd June. This full moon was known by early Native American tribes as the Strawberry Moon because it signalled the time of year to gather ripening fruit. It also coincides with the peak of the strawberry harvesting season. This moon has also been known as the Rose Moon and the Honey Moon.

On 5th July the Earth will reach aphelion—the point in its orbit farthest from the Sun.

This full moon on 21st July was known by early Native American tribes as the Buck Moon because the male buck deer would begin to grow their new antlers at this time of year. This moon has also been known as the Thunder Moon and the Hay Moon.

On 22nd July, the planet Mercury reaches greatest eastern elongation of 26.9 degrees from the Sun. This is the best time to view Mercury since it will be at its highest point above the horizon in the evening sky. Look for the planet low in the western sky just after sunset.

The Delta Aquarids meteor shower that can produce up to 20 meteors per hour at its peak. It is produced by debris left behind by comets Marsden and Kracht. The shower runs annually from 12th July to 23rd August. It peaks this year on the night of 28th July and morning of 29th July. The second quarter moon will block many of the fainter meteors this year. But if you are patient, you should still be able to catch a few good ones. Best viewing will be from a dark location after midnight. Meteors will radiate from the constellation Aquarius but can appear anywhere in the sky.

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SCHOOLS INFORMATION

Scouts
1st Swavesey

1st Swavesey Scout Group

The summer term is in full swing. All our sections are taking full advantage of the lighter evenings to get out of the hut to do activities and games. The Beavers and Cubs are going Pond Dipping up at Fen Drayton lakes on separate evenings.

Both of these sections will also be doing litter picking. The Beavers will be doing litter picking in the village. The Cubs will be doing litter picking on their way up to around the lakes. They are doing this as part of the Naturalist badge. Part of the badge requires them to visit an area 4 times make a note of the changes that have happened. Their first visit was in March when a lot of the lakes were flooded.

The Beavers have also got planned their Cyclist badge this term. Plus a treasure hunt hike.

The Cubs are getting ready to hopefully harvest the Sweet peas, Chillies and Lettuces that they planted in March. For this they reused the planters the cubs made last winter. In preparation for the summer camp at the end of June the cubs will also be practising putting up the tents. When they get to camp they will need to do this on the first night. Then on the Sunday take them down and help put them away.

Camp equipment on the shelves in the hut

The Scouts are busily preparing for the group camp at the end of June as well. During the camp they will be preparing, cooking and serving a meal for everyone else. This will be done over fires instead of gas stoves. So they need to prepare the wood, cooking implements and decide on menus.

One thing all 3 sections try to do with the activities we plan each term is to try to get our young people to get the Chief Scout award for that section. So for Beavers it's Bronze, Silver for Cubs and Gold for Scouts. In order to achieve these awards a young person needs

to complete a number of the Activity badge like Swimmer, DIY or Naturalist. They also need to complete multiple tasks around teamwork, leadership along with Skills and multiple traditional scouting skills.

In the last few weeks Gareth Bentley has gained his Chief Scout's Gold award. Gareth was one of the first cubs to get the Silver award. So a big well done to him.

Buddy Mulholland, Daniel Wherlock and Oliver Shepherd all managed to get their Chief Scout Silver awards. Well done to all of them. They have all worked hard and were excellent members of cubs and are now all enjoying scouts.

If your child would like to join any of the sections please email the leader below.

Beavers (ages 6-8) john.pawson@1stswaveseyscoutgroup.org.uk

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PARISH & COUNTY NEWS

From Your DC - Sue Ellington

As I described last month, the community warden service, managed by Cambridge and Peterborough Age Uk are experiencing financial problems but I am delighted to report that South Cambs District Council have agreed to find the shortfall until April 25. Hopefully some of the other funding authorities will recognise the value of this service and fund it properly. I am convinced that it is life saving and improves the quality of life for residents. However I am also convinced it needs a makeover and rebranding in the modern jargon. The name "warden" has connotations which stop many people using the service. It stems from when we had Wardens for sheltered housing complexes - but is really dated now. Any ideas for a more suitable name would be greatly appreciated.

I have been reflecting on some of the grant funding which Swavesey has received from SCDC over the last few years. Please forgive me if I fail to mention some but the grant which we had for the Wilding of our green spaces has given much joy to the volunteers who spread seed and the villagers who saw the lovely displays. The Men in Sheds continue to build their mobile workshop which will benefit many venues with tools, expertise and companionship. In addition the committee room of the Memorial Hall is soon to have new curtains and plans are afoot for applying for solar panels on the roof. I think we should all thank those who spend hours preparing successful applications which meet the criteria. It is painstaking and challenging. The current challenge is to get approval for traffic calming but the funding for that is through Northstowe and Swavesey local housing infrastructure money.

I am sorry my house phone has been out of action for 2 months but it is working now so you can leave a message on 01954 202923.

If I can help with issues relating to SCDC please phone:-

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Swavesey Parish Council meets on the 2nd Thursday of each month for Planning items and on the 4th Monday of each month for Full Council.

All meetings are held in the Memorial Hall at 7.30pm. There is always a 10 minute public forum at the start of the meeting.

SWAVESEY PARISH

Parish Council News March/April 2024

County Council Business

There has been ongoing Highways Maintenance including much needed pothole repairs throughout the village with many yet to be completed.

We received the feasibility report on our LHI Bid for funding towards traffic calming options for Station Rd/Over Rd. The preferred option from CCC came in at a total cost in excess of £52K, which would have left the Parish having to provide more than £27K. After review & discussion the PC resolved that the application be withdrawn on account of the proposed cost being much higher than anticipated & that the budgeted Parish funds be held for future highway projects.

The PC continues to discuss with CCC Highways various improvements and maintenance requirements to areas of highway and pavement around the village.

Drainage

The PC has been contacted by Hemingford Grey PC regarding concerns over the River Great Ouse flooding & the lack of essential routine maintenance on Environment Agency flood defence assets. Needless to say we are in complete agreement with them and suggested we contact all the local PCs along the Great Ouse catchment area. Swavesey PC had already written, in February, to DEFRA and the EA about concerns over the condition of the riverbank.

Traffic & speed reduction options

Community consultation events were held during April to enable parishioners to express their opinions on potential options for traffic calming and speed reduction along Ramper Rd & Boxworth End. Funding for this has been supplied to CCC as a result of the Northstowe development to mitigate against the increasing level of traffic through the neighbouring villages.

Details were also available on the 20mph zones which the County Council continues to fund in rural areas. Swavesey PC has resubmitted its bid and decisions will be published later this year.

The PC also had information available on setting up an active Speedwatch group in the village.

COUNCIL NEWS

All meetings were attended by the Clerk & several Councillors who were able to answer most questions.

Biodiversity & Climate Action

The PC awarded a grant to the Sustainability Hub by way of support funding to cover the hall hire fee for the event on June 1st.

Following discussion at the Annual Parish meeting regarding the creation of a Swavesey Climate Action Group, the PC agreed to work with the group in order to consider actions required to put together a Climate Action Plan & Local Nature Recovery Plan for Swavesey. At the March PC Meeting the PC formally declared a Climate Emergency.

A working party will now start to look at the re-landscaping of the area around Moat Way pond. Grant funding is being applied for to help with the purchase of new trees, shrubs and hedging.

The PC continues to work closely with the Swavesey Litterpickers Group and many local residents who are clearing litter from all around the village. Please watch out for more group litterpick events throughout the year.

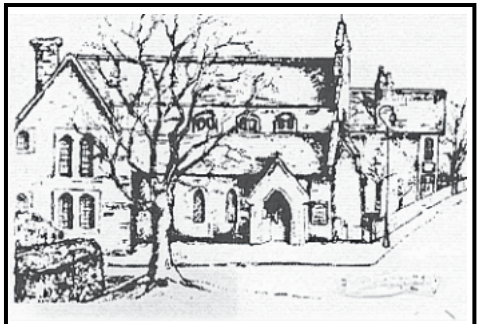
General

There has been correspondence regarding the cost to local sports clubs for the use of the 3G facility at the Village College and the PC is involved with discussions regarding this.

The PC has been contacted by Cottenham Renegades Rugby Club regarding the use of the recreation green for touch Rugby games which will take place during May.

Annual Parish Meeting

This meeting is an historic Parish Meeting which is called once a year for village groups/charities/organisations to give reports to. Around 25 residents attended this year to hear the PC's annual report; a discussion on the flood risk/flood prevention measures around the village; a discussion on biodiversity projects and climate action within the village. The reports circulated and notes from the meeting are available on the Parish Council's website, along with all other meetings Minutes. www.swavesey.org.uk



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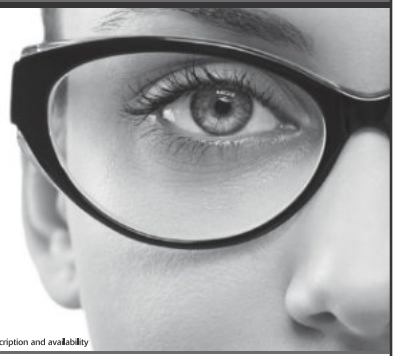

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A Message from Pastor Bob

A number of years ago, Psychologists Cliff Notarius of Catholic University and Howard Markman of the University of Denver studied newlyweds over the first decade of marriage, they found a very subtle but telling difference at the beginning of the relationships. Among couples who would ultimately stay together, 5 out of every 100 comments made about each other were putdowns. Among couples who would later split, 10 of every 100 comments were insults. That gap magnified over the following decade, until couples heading downhill were flinging five times as many cruel and invalidating comments at each other as happy couples. "Hostile putdowns act as cancerous cells that, if unchecked, erode the relationship over time," the study says. "In the end, relentless unremitting negativity takes control and the couple can't get through a week without major blowups."

It would be awful to think that I was the only one; no matter how careful I try to be with the words I speak, I know that I have said some really stupid things. In fact there have been times when I have said things in haste and have wondered where they came from! Then I have watched with regret as these words have found their mark and caused pain.

I have also been at the hard end of angry, hurtful comments and have felt the sting of the frustration of others, and I have found myself to be yet another casualty.

Take a moment as you read this to reflect on the times when the hard or sharp words of others have hurt you, and then think on the times when it has been you doing the damage. The bible says, **'Consider what a great forest is set on fire by a small spark.'** It doesn't take much to set a fire does it?

We often regret words, but the damage continues for a long time after the sound has faded. We might call it the mystery of speech; once words are spoken they have the potential to haunt us. But let's turn this negative into a positive, if something as small as an unkind word can do so much damage, just think on how much good can come from words that are good, kind, encouraging and wise.

Pastor Bob Adams

Bethel Baptist Church

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The Hub - Youth Group - Fridays 7-9pm

THE HUB

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Sunday Services

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Café Church

Every first Sunday of the month is our alternative all age, café-style service which include refreshments around tables, conversation and maybe even some crafts!

At Bethel we are brought together by our Faith, but what truly makes us family is our passion to serve God and love one another through every season.

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5folds Benefice News

Things are moving forward in our search for a new Team Rector for the 5Folds benefice. In the meantime, the Rev'd Jenny Hill and Canon Jan Payne are continuing to look after us with help from local Priests and Licensed Lay Ministers.

As before, this means that we are unable to predict exactly what our pattern of services will be from week to week but you can always find information about our weekly services on Facebook and online at A Church near You: https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/2834/service-and-events/events-all/

Services at St Andrew's

You are always welcome to join us at 11am on Sunday mornings. We usually hold communion services on the first three Sundays in the month and a more relaxed service of Morning Praise on the fourth Sunday. We have a band that plays at this service and would welcome any new musicians if you would like to join us in our worship. There is a special activity for children at all of our morning services.

If there is a fifth Sunday in the month, you might not find us at St Andrew's as we take this opportunity to praise God with the other churches in our 5Folds Benefice.

At 8pm on the first Thursday of each month, we have fifteen minutes of silence and prayer remembering the people of Ukraine and other countries affected by war. This is followed by Compline (a short-sung service of night prayer). By tradition, people then leave in silence.

We would love to welcome you to any of our services.

Ministry Team:

Rev'd Jenny Hill (Priest and interim Team Leader): jenny@5folds.org.uk
Canon Jan Payne (Licensed Lay Minister): jan.payne@northstowe.church
Colin Smith (Benefice Administrator): 01954 203459 admin@5folds.org.uk
(Colin works Tuesday to Friday 9.30 am to noon)

Prayer Table

The Lady Chapel is always a quiet place to sit and think or to pray. You will find a prayer table there with prayer resources for you to use and where you can leave a message requesting prayer for yourself, a loved one or a difficult situation. It is confidential and you can choose whether or not to leave your name.

The church is open daily between 9am and 4pm (or dusk, whichever is earlier).

St Andrew's Church

Events at St Andrew's

Easter Fair

It was lovely to see so many of you at our Easter Fair and we are always grateful for your support. The children made a beautiful Easter Garden and their exuberant banner is still decorating the back of the church and welcoming visitors. Easter eggs were hunted and cakes and teas enjoyed.

Teddy Bear Zip Wire: July 6th 2pm – 4 pm: It's that time of year again when your favourite cuddly toy can prove their courage by riding the zipwire from the top of the tower to the graveyard. As always, safety and health checks will be provided and all participants will receive a certificate.

Harvest Happenings: Saturday, September 28th A new event celebrating the Harvest season. More details in the August Meridian.

Information

If you have any queries about church services or about our events, please contact the churchwardens:

Jacqui Fuller: 01954 230774: jacqui_fuller@hotmail.com
Bridget Lofts: 07732726228: bml20@cam.ac.uk

Community Groups & Charities

Swavesey Sustainability Hub	The Sustainability Hub is a community group that offers space and support for people to realise their ideas for a more sustainable way of life. Contact: rvollerthun@gmail.com Website: www.thesustainabilityhub.biz
Cam Sight	Cam Sight is a local charity which offers support to anyone with a visual impairment, along with their family and carers. We meet on the 4th Wednesday afternoon of each month in Bar Hill. For more information please telephone Joan in Bar Hill on 01954 200622 or Alison at Cam Sight on 01223 420033 or email alison@camsight.org.uk. For more info see:- www.camsight.org.uk
Cambridgeshire Hearing Help	CHH is a charity that helps people with hearing loss. Volunteers service NHS hearing aids and provide batteries and they attend Swavesey quarterly at Thistle Green. Advice on any aspects of hearing loss is available at a hearing help session or by calling the office on 01223 416141, E-mail: enquiries@cambridgeshirehearinghelp.org.uk Website: cambridgeshirehearinghelp.org.uk
Care Network	Care Network supports volunteers, encourages independence and develops good neighbour projects. We provide the Welcome Home from Hospital service across Cambridgeshire. Contact:- Care Network, 5 Broadway House, 149-151 St Neots Rd, Hardwick, Cambridge, CB23 7QJ (tel: 01954 211919). Website: care-network.org.uk/
Compass Cafe	Meets every Thursday morning from 10.30 until 12.00 at Bethel Baptist Church. Contact Sue Ellington on 01954 202923 or sue.ellington@virgin.net
Swavesey Library	A volunteer run community library based in Swavesey Village College. We are able to providing a full range of library facilities being directly linked to the Cambridgeshire County Council library service. For more info see:- www.swavesey.org.uk/community/swavesey-your-library/
The Friends of the Rosie Hospital	The Friends of the Rosie Hospital are helping to make the Rosie a more comfortable environment for mothers and babies. Contact:- Mrs Mary Sanders (Hon Chair) rosieinstitches@ukonline.co.uk Tel 01223 356615
East Anglia's Children's Hospice (EACH)	Put your free time to good use and volunteer at East Anglia's Children's Hospice (EACH) in Milton. Volunteering at a children's hospice doesn't always mean care work and fundraising as there are also tasks such as admin and maintenance of the grounds. Contact:- Clare Bates on 01223 815134, Email: clare.bates@each.org.uk
OWLS Community Car Scheme	Run by DBS checked volunteers the scheme offers a door-to-door service, for medical or some social journeys, to people who are unable to access other forms of transport. Ring 07505 254363 to book a journey, find out more, or to volunteer as a driver Website: http://www.swavesey.org.uk/village-links/owls-community-care-scheme/

CLUB INFORMATION

Army Cadets UK	Swavesey Detachment, No 2 (Cromwell) Company, Cambridgeshire Army Cadet Force meets each Tuesday evening at the Swavesey Village College from 7 pm. New recruits are welcomed from ages 12 years (year 8) to 18 years. www.armycadets.com/county/cambridgeshire-acf/
Swavesey Five-a-Side Football Club	Currently seeking new members for this long-established club. We play each Wednesday evening from 6:30 to 7:30pm in the new sports hall at Swavesey Village College. Enquiries to Stewart Smith (07803 050234).
Swavesey Girlguiding	<table><tr><th>Unit</th><th>Evening</th><th>Contact</th></tr><tr><td>1st Swavesey Rainbows</td><td>Thursdays</td><td>caroline@overroad.co.uk</td></tr><tr><td>1st Swavesey Brownies</td><td>Mondays</td><td>swaveseybrownies@outlook.com</td></tr><tr><td>2nd Swavesey Brownies</td><td>Wednesdays</td><td>secondswaveseybrownies@outlook.com</td></tr><tr><td>1st Swavesey Guides</td><td>Thursdays</td><td>swaveseyguides@gmail.com</td></tr><tr><td>1st Swavesey Rangers</td><td>Thursdays</td><td>swaveseyrangers@gmail.com</td></tr></table>
Swavesey Spartans	Swavesey Spartans (swaveseyspartans.co.uk) is a Chartered Standard Football Club affiliated to Cambridgeshire Football Association. The club delivers football for children aged 6 and above. The club helps with the transition to open age football. Colts football ceases at the end of a player's Under 18 season. Open age football for men in Swavesey is available through Swavesey Institute FC (separate entry in this section of the Meridian). Swavesey Spartans FC have an open age football team for ladies playing league games on a Sunday. For more information about Spartans please contact Lewis Walsh (swavesey.chairperson@gmail.com) or Neil Jordison (swavesey.secretary@gmail.com or (01954) 204390).
1st Swavesey Scout Group	All sections meet at the Scout Hut on the SVC site **Beavers** Day: Thursday 18:00 to 19:00 Contact: John Pawson - Beaver Leader john.pawson@1stswaveseyscoutgroup.org.uk **Cubs** Day: Tuesday 18:15 to 19:30 Contact: Steven Wilson - Cub Leader steven.wilson@1stswaveseyscoutgroup.org.uk **Scouts** Day: Wednesday 19:00 to 20:30 Contact : Marian Bentley - Scout Leader Marian.Bentley@1stswaveseyscoutgroup.org.uk For any other enquiries please email info@1stswaveseyscoutgroup.org.uk
Swavesey Early Years and Playwork Centre	Swavesey Early Years and Playwork Centre are based in their own purpose-built unit on the primary school site. It comprises Early Years children (aged from 2 years and 6 Months) between 9am and 3pm (formerly Swavesey Pre School) and we provide activities and care for primary school aged children before and after school. Breakfast Club runs from 7.30 am to 9am and After School Club from 3.15pm to 6pm. For information please contact Carol Panther (Early Years and Playwork Manager) by email: eyandp@swavesey.cambs.sch.uk or by phone (01954) 273312 Ext 2 or 07803 812221.
Swavesey Community Choir	If you enjoy singing and having fun then come and join Swavesey Community Choir. We meet every Wednesday in term time in Fen Drayton Village Hall, Cootes Lane, Fen Drayton from 7.45pm - 9.30pm. You don't need to be able to read music and no auditions needed, tenor and bass voices particularly welcome. For further details contact Julie Holmes julieholmes78@gmail.com Website: www.swaveseycommunitychoir.co.uk

British Tang Soo Do Institute	British Tang Soo Do Institute practices the Korean martial art of Tang Soo Do. Our club training covers self defence techniques and many aspects of fitness including flexibility, coordination, conditioning, balance and discipline helping to promote a healthy lifestyle. For further information please contact Master Jeff Cockram on 07863 345681 or jeff@btsdi.co.uk Or see our website: www.btsdi.com
Swavesey Tang Soo Do Club	Swavesey Tang Soo Do have classes on a Monday and Wednesday in the primary school main hall. Beginners and junior grades are 6pm-7pm and senior grades 7pm-8:15pm. The contact details are Mr and Mrs Morton 07919 050261 and enquiries@swaveseytsd.co.uk. The website is www.swaveseytsd.co.uk
Allotments in Swavesey	Down Hale Road towards the windmill and on the right there are 61 plots, mostly 150 sq yds (125 m2) in area, backed up by eight water tanks. Large yields of a wide range of high quality vegetable, fruit and flower crops can be grown successfully. If you are interested in joining the waiting list contact Val Sage Tel (01954) 230853
British Legion	For information contact:- Secretary - Angela Dye. (01954) 277453. email: dyeangela0@gmail.com
Swavesey Badminton Club	Located at the Swavesey Village College Sports Centre.The Club offers a high standard of play at club nights on Tuesdays 7pm to 8pm and on Fridays from 6.30pm to 9.30pm. We play competitive badminton in the Cambridge leagues and run men's, women's and mixed teams.Contact Helen Taylor on (01954) 230997 Email: enquiries@swaveseybadminton.net Website: www.swaveseybadminton.net
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Swavesey Squash Club	Swavesey Squash Club has three international standard squash courts, in our recently refurbished clubhouse, on the Swavesey Village College site. The club has a number of weekly sessions running, suitable for beginners, improvers, and more advanced players. Unlimited use of the facility from £17 a month. A welcoming and active community club with social events and opportunities for competition. Visit our website for more details or contact Ali Loke on 07776 176866/ali@alilokesquash.com. www.swaveseysquash.com
Swavesey & Over Cycling Club	We meet regularly throughout the year, with rides most weekends and also weekdays on spring and summer evenings. As a Cycling UK affiliated club our goal is to explore a joint passion for cycling in a safe, inclusive and social way. We aim to organise events throughout the year from day & weekend rides in the UK and long weekend trips in Europe. Contact: John Craven Email: socccommittee@gmail.com Facebook: https://bit.ly/3GJCksZ_SOCC or Website: https://swaveseyovercc.wixsite.com/socc

Over Netball Club	Local friendly club, everyone welcome, from back-to-netballers to seasoned players. We have teams playing in CDNL and Fenland Netball league. Training is on Tuesdays 7-8:30pm at Northstowe Secondary School. First month is free, £15 per month thereafter. Contact overnetballclub@gmail.com for more information.
Over & Willingham Cricket Club	We have 2 open age (adult) cricket teams in the Cambridgeshire Saturday afternoon league playing 40 over cricket between the start of May and the end of. August. If you are interested in joining our club, please get in touch with one of the club officials, come along to one of our training sessions or approach any club member on our matchdays (Saturday's). Contact Jane Reeson if you are interested. email - reesonhkx46k@aol.com; Telephone 07768 540146; or Facebook - Over and Willingham CC, or Website - overandwillingham.play-cricket.com
Swavesey Music School	Meets every Saturday of term time at Swavesey Village College. For further details see: www.swaveseymusic.co.uk/
Swavesey District Bridleway Association	A liaison group representing local horse riders whose main aim is to protect existing and create safe new horse riding links between all local villages. New members welcome. Regular Newsletter/Social events calendar. Please contact Sue Rogers (01954) 232758
Swavesey & District History Society	Meet every third Tuesday in the month, 7.30pm, Carole Shaw room, SVC. Contact Carolyn Redmayne, Secretary (01954) 230037
Swavesey Institute Football Club	Swavesey Institute FC have 2 teams in the Cambs County Saturday afternoon leagues. For information about the club or if you are interested in playing open age (adult) football for the village please contact Martin Pickering on 07737 391445
Linedance	Linedance classes held on Wednesday mornings at the Bethel Baptist Church 9-30 to 11-30 am. Beginners always welcome. Contact Deborah Walker (01954) 231382 Email: deborahwalker105@talktalk.net
Swavesey & Over Conservation Society	At the moment we organise interesting walks If you need a lift: Phone: Trevor Grange - 01954 230119 or Pat Miles - (01954) 780485. Guests Are Always Welcome!
Swavesey & Over Tennis Club	Club night 1 October to 1 April is on Monday, 7.00 to 9.00pm. From 1 April - 30 September there will be club nights on both Mondays and Wednesdays. We welcome new members from anywhere in the locality. Further information from s.taylor996@btinternet.com https://swaveseyovertennis.wixsite.com/sotc
Swavesey RADSoc	Friendly local drama group staging two or three productions a year.New members always welcome.Contact: Nathalie Balzano: nathaliewoodward@hotmail.com Visit our website at www.swaveseyradsoc.org.uk
Swavesey W.I.	We meet every second Monday of the month at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall. New members are always welcome to enjoy a variety of invited speakers and have a chat and cup of tea/ coffee afterwards. For further information contact Margaret Guest tel (01954) 202757
Women's Walking	Women's Walking on Mondays and Fridays at 10:00am. Meet on Market Street green. Walk for approximately one hour on pathways in and around Swavesey. A chance to exercise and chat. - Reasonably robust footwear recommended. All welcome. Clare Fox (01954) 202882

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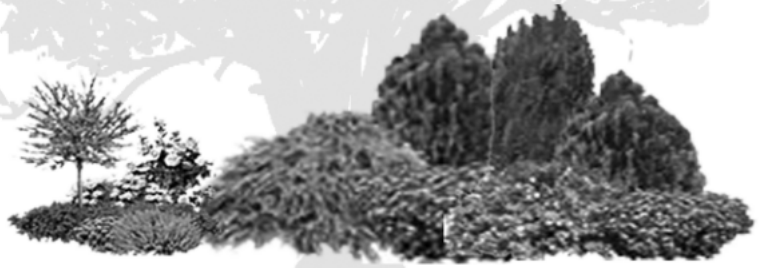

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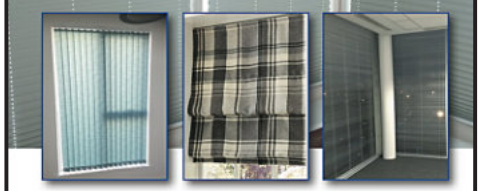

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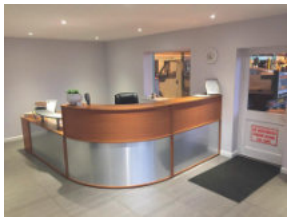

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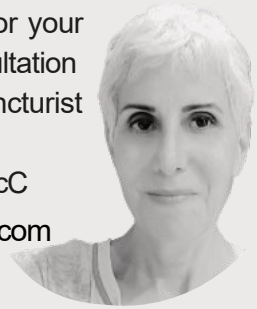

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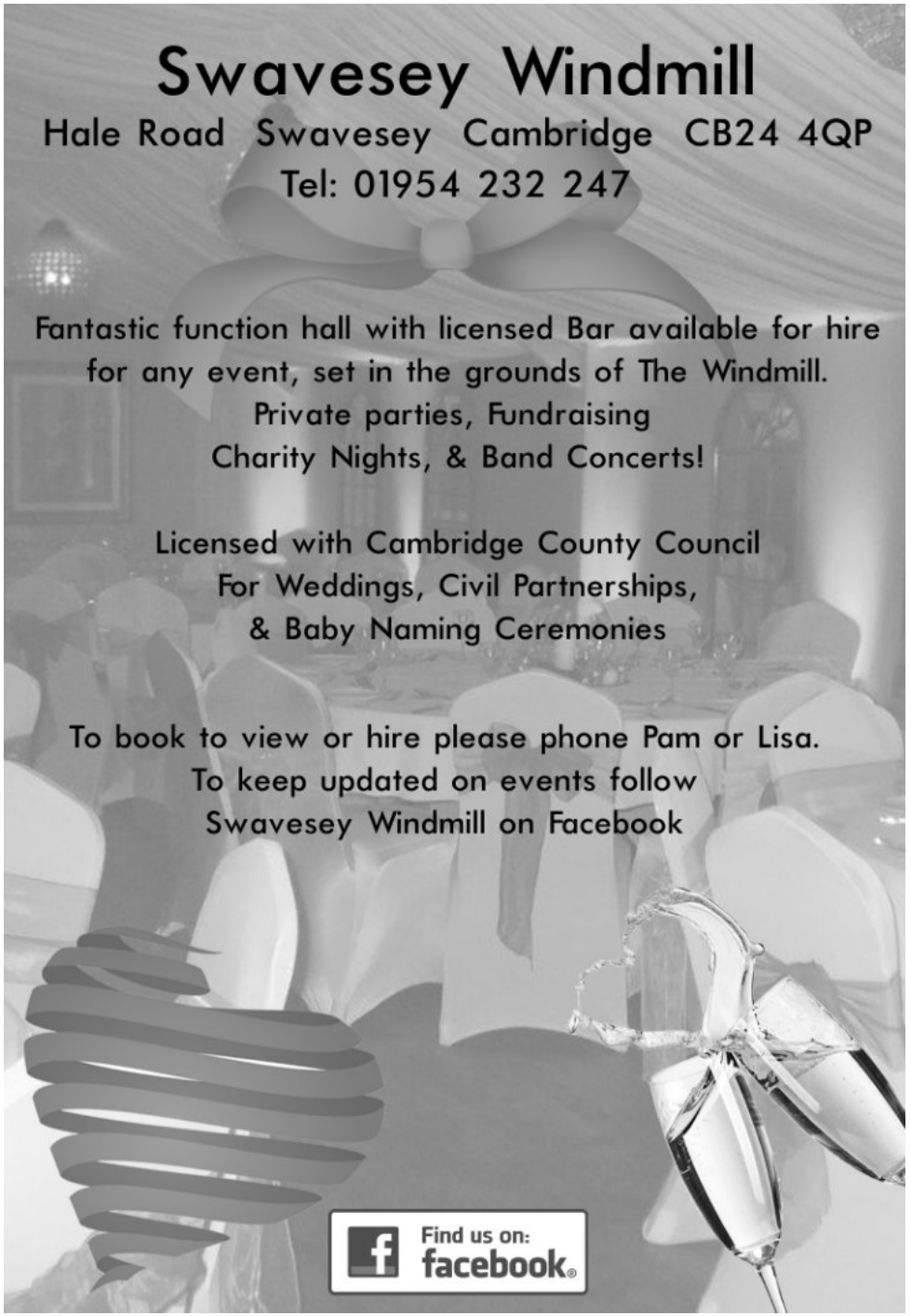
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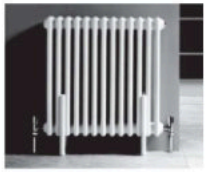

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